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1. DURING THIS FINAL WEEK BEFORE THE CONGRESSIONAL RECESS

(TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OCT. 11, THE SENATE FINANCE

COMMITTEE (SFC) IS EXPECTED TO COMPLETE ITS REVIEW IN

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EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TRADE BILL. SFC CHAIRMAN LONG HAS

SAID PUBLICLY, HOWEVERN THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO HAVE THE BILL ON THE SENATE CALENDAR BEFORE THE ELECTION RECESS. WE EXPECT, THEREFORE, THAT THE TRADE BILL WILL NOT REACH THE SENATE FLOOR UNTIL THE FIRST DAYS AFTER CONGRESS RETURNS, ABOUT NOVEMBER 15. THEY WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING WEEKS TO SECURE SENATE PASSAGE, HOLD THE HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE, AND GET FINAL CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE. SENATOR LONG HAS ESTIMATED THAT THE HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE SHOULD NOT TAKE MORE THAN A WEEK. ALTHOUGH THIS SCHEDULE IS TIGHT, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WITH THE HIGH PRIORITY GIVEN THE BILL BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADERSHIP, THE JACKSON-VANIK ISSUE CAN BE RESOLVED, THE SCHEDULE CAN BE METN AND THE TRADE BILL WILL PASS THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.

2. AT ITS MARK-UP SESSIONS THE WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER 16 AND SEPTEMBER 30 THE SFC DEALT PRINCIPALLY WITH THE BILL'S PROVISIONS RELATING TO ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE AND GENERALIZED PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE EXCERPTS FROM COMMITTEE PRESS RELEASES ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH SHOULD BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO POSTS. A SEPARATE CABLE IS BEING SENT CONCERNING SFC DECISIONS ON TITLE V A GENERALIZED PREFERENCES.

3. COOPERATION IN LOCATING MIA IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO AMEND TITLE IV OF THE BILL AND TO INCLUDE A PROVISION REFLECTING AMENDMENTS INTRODUCED BY SENATORS GURNEY AND CHILES WHICH WOULD CONDITION THE EXTENTION OF MFN TREATMENT AND GOVERNMENT CREDITS TO NON-MARKET ECONOMIES UPON A PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION THAT SUCH COUNTRIES HAD UNDERTAKEN TO OBTAIN THE COOPERATION OF THE PERTINENT GOVERNMENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IN LOCATING U.S. PERSONNEL MISSING IN ACTIONN IN REPATRIATING THOSE WHO ARE ALIVE, AND IN RECOVERING THE REMAINS OF THOSE WHO ARE DEAD.

4. POSITIVE CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL PROCEDURE FOR NON-TARIFF BARRIER AGREEMENTS. THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO MODIFY ITS EARLIER DECISIONS CONCERNING THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCEDURE BY WHICH NON-TARIFF BARRIER AGREEMENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED BY THE CONGRESS FOR POSITIVE APPROVAL. SPEC-UNCLASSIFIED

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IFICALLY, THE COMMITTEE AGREED THAT 45 LEGISLATIVE DAYS AFTER A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT A TRADE AGREEMENT HAS BEEN INTRODUCED, THE COMMITTEE (OR COMMITTEES) TO WHICH THE RESOLUTION HAS BEEN REFERRED WOULD BE DISCHARGED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION (IF THE COMMITTEE HAD NOT ALREADY REPORTED THE RESOLUTIONS). THE SENATE OR HOUSE WOULD THEN HAVE 15 LEGISLATIVE DAYS TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE THE RESOLUTION. NO AMENDMENTS TO THE RESOLUTION COULD BE

ADOPTED.

5. NARCOTICS. IN LIGHT OF THE COMMITTEE DECISION TO
CONDITION THE EXTENSION OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO A
DEVELOPING COUNTRY UPON A REQUIREMENT THAT IT TAKE ADE-
QUATE STEPS TO PREVENT NARCOTICS AND OTHER CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCES FROM UNLAWFULLY ENTERING THE UNITED STATES
KSEE REFTELL THE COMMITTEE FURTHER AGREED TO DELETE SEC-
TION 606 OF THE HOUSE BILL WHICH WOULD HAVE REQUIRED THE
PRESIDENT TO EMBARGO TRADE AND INVESTMENT WITH ANY COUN-
TRY WHICH THE PRESIDENT DETERMINED HAD FAILED TO TAKE
ADEQUATE STEPS TO PREVENT NARCOTIC DRUGS AND OTHER CONA
TROLLED SUBSTANCES FROM UNLAWFULLY ENTERING THE UNITED
STATES. IN LIEU OF THE EMBARGO PROVISION, THE COMMITTEE
DID AGREE TO INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT IN TITLE VI OF THE BILL
WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE PRESIDENT TO REPORT TO THE CON-
GRESS DESCRIBING WHERE DANGEROUS DRUGS ARE BEING PRODUEED
ABROADN REFINED AND SHIPPED TO THE UNITED STATES, AND OF
THE STEPS THESE SPECIFIC COUNTRIES HAVE TAKEN WITH RESPECT
TO CONTROLLING THE PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTATION OF SUCH

PRODUCTS.

6. POSTS MAY WISH TO REFER TO THE WIRELESS FILE OF
OCTOBER 7 FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S COMMENTS ON THE TRADE
BILL AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE OF THAT DATE. KISSINGER

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